

**Collège Churchill Parent Advisory Council**  
**Wednesday, October 12 @ 7pm**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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Present: Ryan Hughes (Principal); Georgia Wells (VP English Program); Susan Chodirker (Guidance Counselor); Kyla Stewart (Chair/Recording Secretary); Carol Murphy (Treasurer); Melissa Williams; Maria Pochailo; Paula; Jason Pope; Siri Kousonsavath

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**School Report**

- Administration update:
  - Ryan Hughes has been appointed to an Acting Director role as part of the Winnipeg School Division Senior Administration
    - This term appointment is not without mixed emotions, personally hard as his connection to the students, staff and community of Collège Churchill High School is very strong, and he is very proud of the work we do together; professionally very exciting and humbling to be given this opportunity to learn and grow
  - Georgia Wells has been selected as the Acting Principal for Collège Churchill High School
    - Ms. Wells has been involved in all levels of administration and understands and supports the continuation of the direction and initiatives of our school, including the commitment to the implementation of our Charter
  - Mr. Dan Keith will be joining the administrative team as Acting VP, English Program
    - He brings both administrative and teaching experience at both the elementary and secondary levels
- Staffing update:
  - Just re-established our clerical team
    - We were short 2 at the beginning of the year
  - There was significant turnover in the team with retirements at the end of last year
    - 6 or 7 new teachers on staff this year
    - Wonderful balance of new and old
- Enrollment update:
  - A little lower this year
  - Combined total of 767 students
  - 167 enrolled in the Hockey Academy
  - 25 enrolled in our first year of the Softball Academy
  - Immigration is impacting our numbers in a positive way
  - With our current numbers, we have been able to add a teaching position
- Library update:
  - We have merged the 2 libraries into one
    - We have a committee of teachers working to bring in new material to this space
    - It is getting lots of use
    - We have one library tech looking after the space
- Performing Arts update:
  - WSD has lots of new instruments for students use this year
  - No more constraints
  - Looking at a band trip to Camp Assiniboia in the next couple of weeks and they are also looking at a trip to Minneapolis

- Construction update:
  - Still working on the Jr. Gym project
    - Change rooms, staff washroom, and 2 universal student washrooms
  - Hoping the kitchen in the cafeteria is back up and running in the next couple of weeks
- Food Security Update:
  - “Room 85” is our nutrition room and it provides breakfast and lunch
    - Available to all students
    - We have a grant from the Child Nutrition Council
      - Last year, we had \$3K, this year they have increased it to \$13K!
    - We have a great relationship with Cobbs who drop off weekly and Winnipeg Harvest as well
    - Whatever is not used, Fort Rouge School picks up so that there is no wastage
  - We also produce 10-12 hampers/month for families in need

### **PAC Update**

- Role of PAC this year
  - Discussed how best to serve our school and community this year
- Meeting dates for the coming year finalized
  - November 9<sup>th</sup>
  - December 14<sup>th</sup>
  - January 11<sup>th</sup>
  - February 8<sup>th</sup>
  - March 8<sup>th</sup>
  - April 12<sup>th</sup>
  - May 10<sup>th</sup>
  - June 14<sup>th</sup>
- Open PAC Positions:
  - Secretary – remains unfilled
  - South District Advisory Council Representative – remains unfilled
  - French Immersion Advisory Council Representative – Maria Pochailo
  - Jason Pope put his name forward to be Vice Chair
- All Agreed
- Treasurer Update
  - September 1, 2022 bank balance: \$1,822.84
  - Future commitments:
    - \$351.18 for library books that have yet to be received
    - \$2,124.37 for greening initiative as set out in last year’s Glenlea and Local Love fundraisers
  - Fundraising Goals for upcoming year
    - Administration to go back to staff to ask for a wish list and see where needs are for the coming year
- Fundraising Initiatives:
  - October: Farm to School
    - Went well, though not as many orders as last year

- Waiting for total raised but looking like about \$350 for the school
- December: Local Love Holiday Fundraiser
  - Annual local South Osborne Business Gift Card Fundraiser
  - Kyla to check with Jennefer Larsen to see if she is still interested in spearheading this initiative
- May: Glenlea Greenhouse
  - Carol Murphy will spearhead
  - Order forms will go out in March, with delivery set for May 17<sup>th</sup>

### **Other Business**

- Questions:
  - Chromebooks for the middle year's students?
    - Currently have 12-15 carts with 20-25 Chromebook each
      - These all came in during the pandemic – which means they will all age out at the same time
      - There is always a need for technology to replenish supply
      - Will take back to teachers to see if this is a fundraising need for the year
  - What kind of financial supports are in place for Academies?
    - Never want funding to be a barrier to someone accessing programming offered
    - Payment plans are available
    - Work on a case-by-case basis
    - Know that PAC is there if need be
  - Will there be a camp this year?
    - No definitive answer as yet
- What would best benefit our community at this time and how to engage our community
  - Was suggested maybe we look at hosting some information sessions
    - Social media and internet safety
    - Body image
    - LGBTQIA+
    - Will revisit to gauge interest
- School Charter
  - For new families who might not know – we recently blended schools and might be worthwhile revisiting Charter to ensure we are honouring it
- Website Update
  - Kyla to work with Chantal and Danielle to get the PAC page of the website updated
  - With the blending of schools, there were some challenges with the blending of the 2 websites but we are hopeful the kinks have been worked out
- PAC Awards in June
  - Tabled to discuss in January what we want these to look like moving forward

### **Adjournment**

**Next PAC meeting: Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**